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To create as evenly balanced a competition as possible within each division in Swimming and Athletic Competitions.

POLICY:

1. Following the initial placement, a school's placement in a division of a carnival is determined by its performance in the previous year.
2. The normal procedure is that the first school in the lower division is promoted to the higher division and the last school in the higher division be relegated to the lower division.
3. If the first school in the lower division, and the last school in the higher division, prefers to retain the status quo by mutual agreement, no promotion/relegation takes place. *The 'status quo' agreement is relevant for a maximum period of two consecutive years* for an individual school. Automatic elevation/relegation must occur after the two consecutive years for an individual school having been involved in the retention of the status quo provision.
- 4 (a) Only paired or co-educational schools can be promoted/elevated. In normal circumstances single gender schools cannot be individually promoted/elevated.
 - i) The only exception to this would be in the case where there is only one single gender school in a division. In this case the single school cannot be considered for a "paired" promotion/relegation because there is no available partner school. If this individual school finishes either first or last in their gender aggregate then they can be considered for individual promotion/relegation. In this instance no co-educational school would be considered for promotion/relegation. The single gender school could only be elevated or relegated if they satisfy the following criteria:
 - (1) The division into which they are moving would still meet the condition of only having one empty lane for either gender.
 - (2) Elevation or relegation would still be based on a comparison of performance with the bottom or top school in the division to which they are moving.
 - (3) The normal two-year maximum status quo criteria would still be applicable.
- 4 (b) Paired single gender schools will only be considered for promotion/relegation if their combined points would have gained them first / last place in the combined aggregate for their division and that on comparison their actual performance was better / worse than the bottom / top coeducational or paired single gender school(s) in the higher / lower division.
- 4 (c) Pairings of single gender schools for promotion/relegation are based on the 'best' or 'worst' performing single gender schools in a division. For relegation purposes, the bottom male single gender school will be paired with the bottom female single gender school. For promotion purposes, the top male single gender school will be paired with the top female single gender school.
4. Schools have the right of appeal to the promotion/relegation system. Should any school for whatever reason contest the procedures outlined above, then Executive will make the final promotion/relegation decision on the basis of an objective comparison of results. To provide a balance between the needs of individual schools and the evenness of school divisional allocations, it may also be necessary for Executive to override the condition of "only one empty lane" for either gender. In some cases it may be appropriate to have "two empty lanes" for either gender.

STATUS QUO PROVISION:

If the first school in the lower division and the last school in the higher division prefer to retain the status quo by mutual agreement, no promotion/relegation takes place.

The 'status quo' situation is permitted to occur for two (2) consecutive years only. 'Normal procedure' is to automatically take place following the second year.